



## NGSS 101

### Next Generation Science Standards Adoption & Implementation




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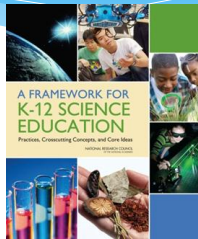
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To what extent have you interacted with this document?

- A. I've read it thoroughly.
- B. I've skimmed it for general information.
- C. It's on my bookshelf.
- D. Huh?



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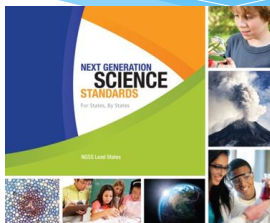
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How about this one?

- A. I've read it thoroughly.
- B. I've skimmed it for general information.
- C. It's on my bookshelf.
- D. No clue



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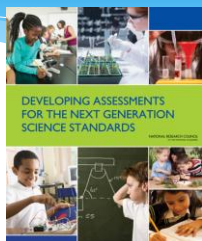
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## Or this one?

- A. I've read it thoroughly.
- B. I've skimmed it for general information.
- C. It's on my bookshelf.
- D. It's the first time I've seen it.



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## Why, What, Who, When & Where

- ❖ Explain the reasons for building new science standards.
- ❖ Describe the process and timeline for constructing the Framework and the NGSS.
- ❖ Describe the structure of a standard within NGSS.
- ❖ Discuss the implications of the "shifts" in NGSS for teaching and learning.
- ❖ Examine instructional strategies that reflect the intent of NGSS.



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## Why were the NGSS developed?

### Goal

*For all students to:*

- Have appreciation for the beauty and wonder of science
- Have sufficient knowledge of science and engineering to engage in public discussions
- Be careful consumers of scientific information relevant to their daily lives
- Continue to learn about science outside school
- Have the skills to enter careers of their choice, including (but not limited to) science, engineering and technology.

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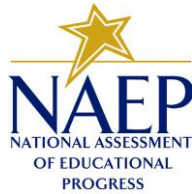
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## Data to Inform Action



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## The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

\* **NAEP** is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas.



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## 2009 NAEP Science Results

### Grade 4

**34%**  
of students  
perform at or above  
Proficient

### Grade 8

**30%**  
of students  
perform at or above  
Proficient

### Grade 12

**21%**  
of students  
perform at or above  
Proficient

National Assessment of Educational Progress  
(NAEP), 2009 Science Assessment, p. 8

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## Program for International Student Assessment

- ❖ **PISA** is an international assessment that measures 15-year-old students' **reading, mathematics, and science literacy**.
- ❖ PISA also includes measures of general or **cross-curricular competencies**, such as **problem solving**.
- ❖ PISA emphasizes **functional skills** that students have acquired as they near the end of compulsory schooling.



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## 2009 PISA Science Results Grade 10

**29%**  
of students  
scored at or  
above level 4—  
the level at  
which students  
can complete  
higher order  
tasks.



Highlights from PISA 2009, p. 26

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## Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study

TIMSS provides reliable and timely data on the **mathematics** and **science** achievement of U.S. students compared to that of students in other countries.



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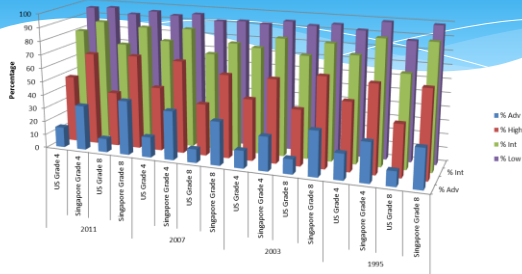
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### TIMSS Performance: US v. Singapore



TIMSS 2011 Science, p. 88-89, p. 116-117

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### TIMSS Performance United States v Singapore Benchmark Achievement

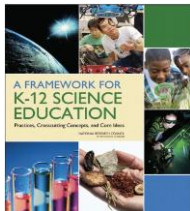
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	US**	Singapore*	US	Singapore	US	Singapore	US	Singapore
2011	15	33	49	68	81	89	96	97
2007	15	36	47	68	78	88	94	96
2003	13	25	45	61	78	86	94	95
1995	19	14	50	42	78	71	92	89
Grade 8	% Advanced		% High		% Intermediate		% Low	
	US***	Singapore*	US	Singapore	US	Singapore	US	Singapore
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2007	10	32	38	61	71	80	92	93
2003	11	33	41	66	75	85	93	95
1999	12	29	37	60	67	84	87	95
1995	11	29	38	64	68	91	87	99

\* Rank = 1; \*\* Rank = 5; \*\*\*Rank = 9

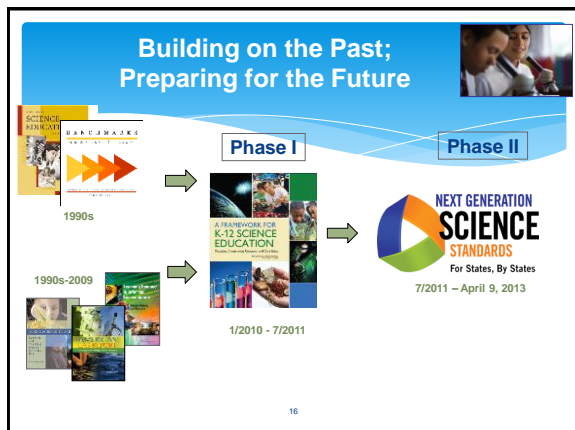
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TIMSS 2011 Science, p. 88-89, p. 116-117

### Where do you start when developing new standards?



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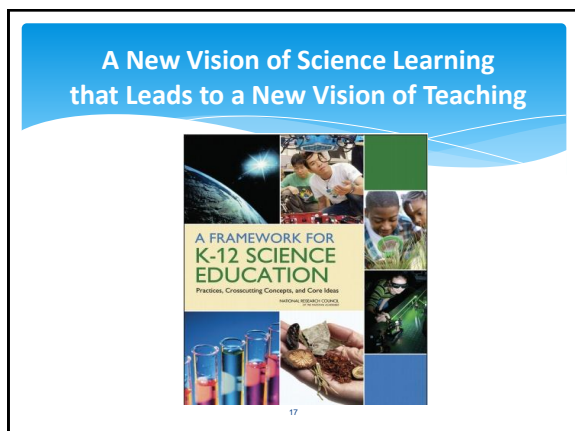
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### Vision for Science Education

“The framework is designed to help realize a vision for education in the sciences and engineering in which **(all) students**, over **multiple years** of school, **actively engage** in science and engineering **practices** and apply **crosscutting concepts** to deepen their understanding of the **core ideas** in these fields.”

*A Framework for K-12 Science Education pp. 8-9*

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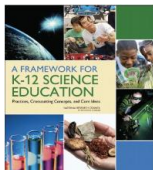
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The framework is built on the notion of learning  
as  
a developmental progression.



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It is designed to help children continually build on and revise their knowledge and abilities, starting from their curiosity about what they see around them and their initial conceptions about how the world works.

*Framework, p.11*

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Who developed the NGSS?



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## What's Inside the Standards Box?

### Exploring the Standards Box

- Read the explanation for each heading
- Write a heading in the box that best explains each section of the Standards Box.

What's Inside the Standards Box?

Use the information provided to help identify the headings used in a third grade science standard's box.

Headings	Explanation
Standard Title and Code	The title of the standard page is an important component and may be reused at several different grade levels. The code, however, is a unique identifier for each set based on the grade level, content area, and topic it addresses.
What is Assessed	A set of performance expectations describing what students should know and be able to do to master this standard.
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Science and Engineering Practices	Changes in science and engineering practices that have broad implications within and across disciplines and in crosscutting concepts.
Disciplinary Core Ideas	Changes in science and engineering practices that have broad implications within and across disciplines and in crosscutting concepts.
Crosscutting Concepts	Changes in science and engineering practices that have broad implications within and across disciplines and in crosscutting concepts.

## Title and Performance Expectations

### 4-PS3 Energy

#### Title and Code

The titles of standard pages are not necessarily unique and may be reused at several different grade levels. The code, however, is a unique identifier for each set based on the grade level, content area, and topic it addresses.

#### What is Assessed

A set of performance expectations describing what students should know and be able to do to master this standard.

<p><b>4-PS3 Energy</b></p> <p>Students who demonstrate understanding can:</p> <p>4-PS3-1. Use evidence to construct an explanation relating the speed of an object to the energy of that object. <i>[Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative measurement of energy from speed of an object in a physics definition of energy.]</i></p> <p>4-PS3-2. Make observations to provide evidence that energy can be transferred from place to place by sound, light, heat, and electric currents. <i>[Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative measurements of energy.]</i></p> <p>4-PS3-3. Ask questions and predict outcomes about the changes in energy that occur when objects collide. <i>[Assessment Boundary: Assessment is on the change in energy due to the change in mass, not on the force, or objects interact.]</i> <i>[Assessment Boundary: Assessment does not include quantitative measurements of energy.]</i></p> <p>4-PS3-4. Apply scientific ideas to design, test, and refine a device that converts energy from one form to another. <i>[Assessment Boundary: Examples of devices could include electric circuits that convert electrical energy into motion, light, or sound, and a device that converts light into heat. Examples of constraints could include the materials, cost, or time to design the device.]</i> <i>[Assessment Boundary: Devices should be limited to those that convert energy between the kinetic, thermal, electrical, and light domains.]</i></p>
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## A Closer Look at a Performance Expectation

### K-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

#### K-LS1 From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

### K-LS1-1. Use observations to describe patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive.

The performance expectations above were developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*.

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>Analyzing data in K-2 builds on prior experiences and progresses to collecting, recording, and sharing observations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use observations ( firsthand or from media) to describe patterns in the natural world in order to answer scientific questions. (K-LS1-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>LS1.C: Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All animals need food in order to live and grow. They obtain their food from plants or from other animals. Plants need water and light to live and grow. (K-LS1-1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patterns in the natural and human designed world can be observed and used as evidence. (K-LS1-1)</li> </ul>

**Connections to Nature of Science**

Scientific knowledge is based on Empirical Evidence

- Scientists look for patterns and order when making observations about the world. (K-LS1-1)

**Note:** Performance expectations combine practices, core ideas, and crosscutting concepts into a single statement of **what is to be assessed**.

They are not instructional strategies or objectives for a lesson.

**Crosscutting Concepts**  
Ideas, such as *Patterns* and *Cause and Effect*, which are not specific to any one discipline but cut across them all.

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## How is content articulated in the NGSS?



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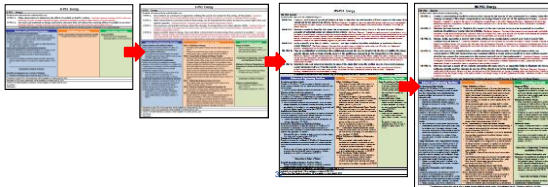
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Review and discuss the progression of energy standards with a partner or your team.

Kindergarten      Grade 4      Middle School      High School




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## Partner/Group Review and Discussion



### NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS

Questions to explore with a partner or team:

- How do the standards for energy build coherently K-12?
- How does the cognitive rigor progress K-12?
- What are the opportunities for integration with CCSS and STEM?

Core Idea: Energy	Cognitive Rigor	Integration with CCSS Math and Literacy	Integration with STEM
<p><i>How do the core ideas progress K-12?</i></p> <p>Evidence:</p>	<p>Evidence:</p>	<p>Evidence:</p>	<p>Evidence:</p>
<p>What are the implications of NGSS for planning and teaching in your school?</p>			

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Discuss and Record your observations:

- How do the standards build coherently K-12?
- How do core ideas progress K-12?
- How does the cognitive rigor progress K-12?
- What are the opportunities for integration with ELA, Math, and STEM?

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## What are the three dimensions of learning in the NGSS?



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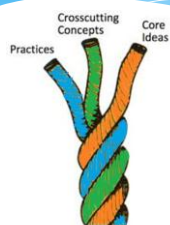
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## Three Dimensions Intertwined



- The NGSS are written as Performance Expectations
- NGSS will require contextual application of the three dimensions by students.

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## Dimension 1 Science and Engineering Practices

- Behaviors that scientists engage in as they investigate, build models, analyze data and communicate information
- “Practices” rather than “skills” since knowledge and skills are required that are specific to each practice.
- Engineering involves solving a problem through design.
- Engineering practices make STEM relevant to students.

*Framework, pp. 41-82*

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## Asking Questions. . .

Why are there seasons?  
 Why did the structure collapse?  
 How is electric power generated?  
 What do plants need to survive?

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## . . . Defining Problems



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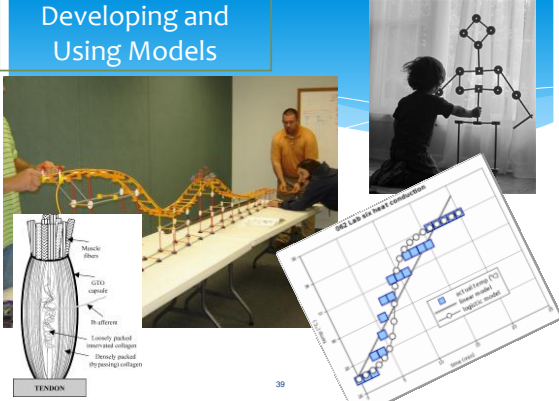
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## Developing and Using Models



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## Planning and Carrying Out Investigations




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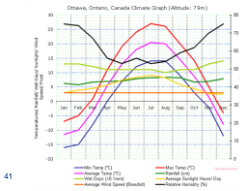
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## Analyzing and Interpreting Data



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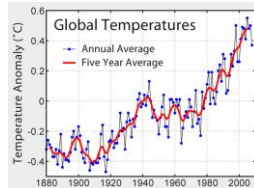
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## Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking

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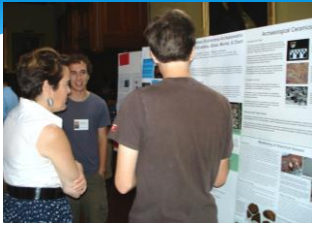
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Constructing  
Explanations  
(Science)  
and . . .



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. . . Designing Solutions  
(Engineering)

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Engaging in  
Argument  
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### Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information

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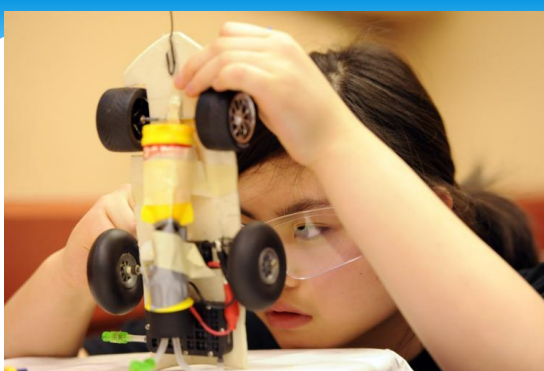
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## Dimension 2 Crosscutting Concepts

- \* Have application across all domains of science
- \* Provide an organizational schema for interrelating knowledge from various science fields
- \* Include:
  - (1) Patterns, similarity, and diversity;
  - (2) Cause and effect;
  - (3) Scale, proportion and quantity;
  - (4) Systems and system models;
  - (5) Energy and matter;
  - (6) Structure and function;
  - (7) Stability and change

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## Dimension 3 Disciplinary Core Ideas

- \* Focus K–12 science curriculum, instruction and assessments on the most important aspects of science
  - \* Broad importance or key organizing principle
  - \* Key tool for understanding complex ideas
  - \* Connected to personal or societal concerns
  - \* Teachable and learnable at multiple grades

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## Disciplinary Core Ideas

### Physical Science

PS1: Matter & Interactions

PS2: Motion & Stability: Forces and Interactions

PS3: Energy

PS4: Waves and Their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer

### Life Science

LS1: From Molecules to Organisms

LS2: Ecosystems: Interaction, Energy & Dynamics

LS3: Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits

LS4: Biological Evolution: Unity & Diversity

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### Earth & Space Science

ESS1: Earth's Place in the Universe

ESS2: Earth's Systems

ESS3: Earth & Human Activity

### Engineering Design

ETS1: Engineering Design

Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World

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## Current State Science Standard Sample

### Inquiry Standards

Students will use tools and instruments for observing, measuring, and manipulating equipment and materials in scientific activities utilizing safe laboratory procedures.

Students will use the ideas of system, model, change, and scale in exploring scientific and technological matters.

### Content Standards

Distinguish between atoms and molecules.

Recognize that there are more than 100 elements and some have similar properties as shown on the Periodic Table of Elements.

Identify and demonstrate the Law of Conservation of Matter.

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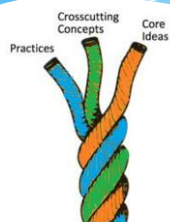
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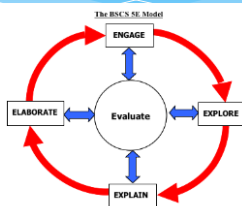
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## The 5E Instructional Model

- \* Appropriate for lessons or units
- \* Activates prior knowledge
- \* Student-centered
- \* Multiple opportunities to explore
- \* Connects to real world scenarios
- \* Assessment opportunities in each E



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## Middle School

- \***Engage:** describe characteristics of two fossil brachiopods to see if changes occurred; supply evidence to support claim
- \***Explore:** measure and graph characteristics of two populations; propose explanations for variations
- \***Explain:** present explanations and evidence

- \***Elaborate:** Students review images of embryological development for similarities; research the similarities of related organisms and how they evolved
- \***Evaluate:** students answer questions about variation in a population of cheetahs and describe how variation results in some individuals surviving and reproducing

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## Performance Expectation?

5E	Practices	DCIs	Crosscutting
Engage			
Explore			
Explain			
Elaborate			
Evaluate			

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**MS-LS4-4 Construct an explanation based on evidence that describes how genetic variations of traits in a population increase some individual's probability of surviving and reproducing in a specific environment.**

Science and Engineering Practices	Disciplinary Core Ideas	Crosscutting Concepts
<b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyzing data as it builds on 4-E experiences and progresses to selecting quantitative data to investigate, determining between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.</li> <li>Analyze dispersion of data to identify linear and nonlinear relationships. (MS-L4-2)</li> <li>Organize and represent data to determine similarities and differences in findings. (MS-L4-3)</li> </ul> <b>Mathematical and Computational Thinking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathematical and computational thinking in 4-E builds on 4-E experiences and progresses to identifying patterns in large data sets and using mathematical concepts to support explanations and arguments.</li> <li>Use mathematical representation to support scientific explanations and design solutions. (MS-L4-4)</li> </ul> <b>Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 4-E builds on 4-E experiences and progresses to include constructing explanations and design solutions supported by multiple sources of evidence consistent with scientific theory, principles, and models.</li> <li>Apply scientific ideas to construct an explanation for real-world phenomena, examples, or events. (MS-L4-2)</li> <li>Construct an explanation that includes qualitative or quantitative relationships between variables that describe phenomena. (MS-L4-4)</li> </ul> <b>Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 4-E builds on 4-E experiences and progresses to evaluating the merit and validity of ideas and methods.</li> <li>Gather, read, and synthesize information from multiple appropriate sources and assess the credibility, accuracy, and relevance of that data and information that is collected and describe how they are supported or not supported by evidence. (MS-L4-3)</li> </ul>	<b>4-LS.A. Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The collection of fossils and their placement in a chronological order, through the analysis of the underlying genetic code, through the analysis of the molecular evidence, identify, selection, and change of form life forms throughout the history of life on Earth. (MS-L4-1)</li> <li>Analyzing similarities and differences between various organisms, their form, and between them and organisms in the fossil record, enable the reconstruction of evolutionary history and the inference of lines of evolutionary descent. (MS-L4-2)</li> <li>Construction of the molecular clock, development of direct genetic and model organisms that show relationships not evident in the fully formed anatomy. (MS-L4-3)</li> </ul> <b>4-LS.B. Natural Selection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural selection leads to the predominance of certain traits in a population, and the suppression of others. (MS-L4-4)</li> <li>In 4-E experiences, students learn the ability to observe various characteristics of organisms by selective breeding. One can choose desired parental traits determined for years, which are then passed on to offspring. (MS-L4-3)</li> </ul> <b>4-LS.C. Adaptation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adaptation by natural selection allows some generations to be required to survive in their environment and time to respond to changes in environmental conditions. Traits that support successful survival and reproduction in the new environment become more common. Traits that do not become less common. Thus, the distribution of traits in a population changes. (MS-L4-4)</li> </ul>	<b>Patterns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patterns can be used to identify cause and effect relationships. (MS-L4-2)</li> <li>Graphs, charts, and images can be used to identify patterns in data. (MS-L4-1)(MS-L4-2)</li> </ul> <b>Cause and Effect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phenomena may have more than one cause, and one cause may have multiple consequences. In science, cause and effect relationships are used to identify patterns in data. (MS-L4-1)(MS-L4-2)</li> </ul> <b>Connections to Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interrelationships of Science, Engineering, and Technology           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineering solutions have led to important discoveries in virtually every field of science, and scientific discovery have led to the development of many modern and engineered systems. (MS-L4-5)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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## Elementary School

- \* Engage: Students are given an example of a plant or animal and tell where it lives.
- \* Explore: teams of two students visit the school yard to answer: "How many different plants and animals can you observe?"
- \* Explain: student present their findings from the trip
- \* Elaborate: students are asked to collect pictures of three different organisms, display the pictures and describe their habitats
- \* Evaluate: Students are given pictures of plants and animals in different habitats; describe the plants and animals and describe how their actions are like scientists.

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## High School

- \* **Engage:** view images of the “arms” of organisms, and attempt to identify their habitat; discuss adaptations.
- \* **Explore:** review slides of the Galapagos Islands and examine data on beak depth and tarsal length in finches. How could variation in beak depth help or harm finches?
- \* **Explain:** read and discuss Darwin’s description of natural selection.
- \* **Elaborate:** examine morphological features of apes and humans. Students build models to compare DNA codes for proteins to determine relatedness of organisms.
- \* **Explain:** describe findings and predict relationships to ancestor
- \* **Evaluate:** use graphical evidence for natural selection to construct an explanation for adaptation of populations

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## What shifts are necessary for teaching and learning in the NGSS?



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## Conceptual Shifts in the NGSS

1. K-12 science education should reflect the interconnected nature of science as it is practiced and experienced in the real world.
2. The Next Generation Science Standards are student performance expectations – **NOT** curriculum.
3. The science concepts build coherently from K-12.
4. The NGSS focus on deeper understanding of content as well as application of content.
5. Science and Engineering are integrated in the NGSS from K-12.
6. NGSS content is focused on preparing students for the next generation workforce.
7. The NGSS and Common Core State Standards (English Language Arts and Mathematics) are **Aligned**.



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# Maryland and the NGSS: Where are We Going?



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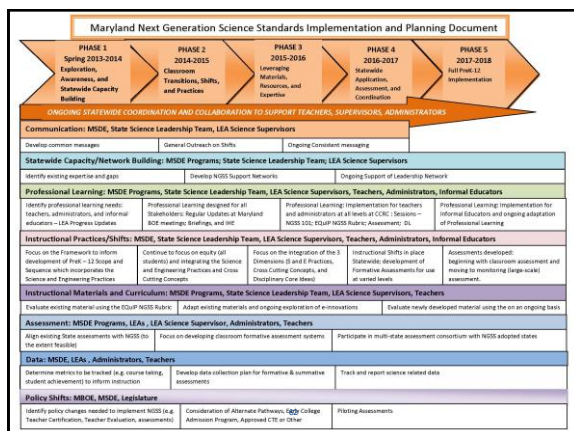
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## Phase I: Spring 2013-2014

Exploration  
Awareness  
State capacity-building

- \* Teachers
- \* LEA Science Supervisors
- \* State Science Leadership Team
- \* MSDE staff

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## Phase 2: 2014-2015

### Classroom transitions, K-12

- \* Map scope and sequence
- \* Incorporate Engineering Practices

### Shifts in instruction

- \* Integrate the three Dimensions
- \* Focus on teaching through the Science and Engineering Practices
- \* Incorporate formative assessment tasks
- \* Continue to evaluate instructional resources using the EQuIP rubric

Identify possible policy changes to implement NGSS

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## Phase 3: 2015-2016

### Classroom transitions, K-12

- \* Refine scope and sequence
- \* Articulate Performance Expectations among grades and courses
- \* Refine formative assessment tasks
- \* Continue to evaluate, incorporate and refine instructional resources using the EQuIP rubric

Provide professional learning opportunities for teachers and administrators

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## Phase 4: 2016-2017

### Ongoing support of leadership network

- \* Professional learning
- \* Assessment development
  - \* Multistate consortium with NGSS states
  - \* State-level assessment system
- \* Data collection: courses, student achievement

### Policy changes

- \* Course credit requirements
- \* Teacher evaluation

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## Phase 5: 2017-2018

### Full PreK-12 implementation

- \* Scope and sequence appropriate for all LEAs
- \* High school credit requirements in place
- \* Assessment system in place
- \* Instructional resources and strategies aligned with NGSS
- \* Professional learning for pre-service and new teachers
- \* Data reporting, storage and retrieval system in place

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## Outcomes

- ❖ Explained the reasons for building new science standards.
- ❖ Described the process and timeline for constructing the Framework and the NGSS.
- ❖ Described the structure of a standard within NGSS.
- ❖ Discussed the implications of the "shifts" in NGSS for teaching and learning.
- ❖ Examined instructional strategies that reflect the intent of NGSS.

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## Resources

A Framework for K-12 Science Education:  
Practices, Crosscutting Concepts, and Core Ideas (2012)

[http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=13165#](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13165#)

Developing Assessments for the Next Generation Science  
Standards

[http://www.nap.edu/download.php?record\\_id=18409](http://www.nap.edu/download.php?record_id=18409)

NSTA

<http://ngss.nsta.org/access-standards/>

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## Exit Slip

- \* Write a message that describe the implications of the NGSS for teaching and learning in YOUR classroom.
- \* Tweet
- \* Message
- \* Facebook



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